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Having tried everything else, the
beef trust might now reduce the price
of meat.You couldn't expect as big a country
as China to be born again all in
a minute.Mr. Taft's cold is so much better
that you needn't send him your favorite remedy.Austin's city authorities are pros-
pecting the Sunday picture shows. Are
the Austin morals so easily hurt?It's better for the farmer to break
his land in the fall than break his
bank account the following summer.Jim Hill is right. Land fertility
should be conserved. Future genera-
tions will want a little something
to eat.Everything comes to Corpus. Even
the northerns come along more fre-
quently since we went into the winter
sport business.The Caller now goes into more
homes and business houses in the
South Gulf coast country than any
other paper published.A New York debating club has de-
cided that women may smoke if they
want to. It is perhaps needless to add
that the judges were married men.One thing sure—the legal suffrage
states will have to have a bar-
gain sale in poll taxes if they expect
women to get up any enthusiasm.The Georgia judge who has de-
cided it is a crime to kill a baseball
umpire is safe, inasmuch as the recall
of judges is not in effect in Georgia.Corpus Christi is growing so fast
that even the Southern Pacific can't
afford much longer to leave it off the
map issued by its passenger depart-
ment.Gen. Reyes veered off before he
reached Corpus Christi. He probably
feels that local politics here were en-
tirely too hot for him, a revolution in
Mexico being a picid affair in compari-
son.Page of Vermont is slated for chair-
man of the committee on public printing.
It will require some mathematics to ascertain how fast the senator
multiplies himself during the coming
session.Another man has shown up who
can make gold from the base metals.
He was due. It is five or six years
now since the sucker crop was har-
vested on that game and there must
be a new lot ready.Some of the perquisites of the
presidential office have been going
astray. A Delaware man who looks
like Taft writes to the White house
that he has been "kissed by a com-
pany of beautiful girls" who mistook
him for the president. The girls are
not to be blamed for their mistake,
in view of the president's erratic lit-
erary and the difficulty of knowing
just when and where he is going to
drop in.George Carden of Dallas, former
Democratic state chairman, predicts
that Bryan will be nominated again
next year. Mr. Carden is an optimis-
tic progressive, but we failed to note
that he was optimistic enough to pre-
dict Mr. Bryan's election.

IS ROOSEVELT A CANDIDATE?

WITH EXCHANGES

The Tariff Issue.

San Antonio Express:
Senator Bailey having eliminated
himself from the contest, Editor Hoyt-
ton thinks all good Democrats can
now unite in support of his fight
against the free raw material forces
and Bryan's Populist crew of initia-
tives, referendum and recall. Editor
Hoyton says that Texas will send a
delegation to the National convention
pledged to the time-honored doctrine
of a tariff for revenue—not for protec-
tion—and against the pernicious
device of free raw materials for the
benefit of the manufacturers; and that
the delegation will be headed by Joseph
Weldon Bailey. Furthermore, Editor
Hoyton says there is only one
candidate for the Bailey succession
who swallows Bryan's doctrine of free
raw materials, initiative, referendum
and recall, and that is "Choicey Dan-
iel." Let's see: how about Morris
Sheppard? Has he not already de-
clared for free raw materials and
said that Editor Hoyton calls the "Bryan
heretics?"

Though Major Harris sometimes
betrays an astigmatism of vision in
discussing Democratic patriots, there's
no gainsaying the fact he has a keen
penetration into most things ter-
restrial, especially the politics of his own
party. As the editor of the leading
Republican paper of the state, we may
assume he knows what he is talking
about when he intimates that Teddy,
like Baskins, "is willing."

This idea is strengthened by sever-
al things. The colonel's recent ar-
ticle in the Outlook indicated one of
its straddling shifts in policy and
stamped the erstwhile trust buster
as an apologist for and defender of
the steel trust and all other "good"
trusts. The semi-official announce-
ment of the Philadelphia North Amer-
ican, most ardent of Roosevelt worship-
ers—that he "will not support
any man for the nomination in 1912,
neither Mr. Taft nor any one else,"
brings his opposition to Mr. Taft's re-
nomination into the open. The national
testimony of Wharton Barker,

Philadelphia banker, before the sen-
ate committee on interstate com-
merce—which, of course, has earned
for Mr. Barker a membership in the
Roosevelt Ananias club—confirms the
belief of a good many thousands of
citizens who have never been affec-
ted with Rooseveltitis that the doughty
warrior of Sagamore Hill is far from
being persons no grata in Wall
street.

One thing seems reasonably cer-
tain. If Mr. Roosevelt actually is
brought forward as a presidential can-
didate it will not be as a progressive;
if there is any sincerity in the booms
of Senator La Follette they can-
not dump Bob for Teddy.

The probability is that he will pose
as a compromise figure between the
radicals and the reactionaries. But
in the light of past and present de-
velopments sensible citizens, who are
not rendered flight headed by the
faint of Rooseveltian noise and
incombe, will unerringly classify
him as the Wall street candidate.

Who Will Wear the Toga?
Laredo Times:

It is reported that the orange crop
to Texas was not killed by the recent
freeze. However, we are fully expect-
ing to see a frost come along and slip
somebody's senatorial bonnet in the
wind.

The Australian System.
Alire Echo:

There is a strong movement out
for Rio way to have the Terrell elec-
tion law amended by substituting the
absolute Australian system. Our half
American and half Australian system
gives too many opportunities for ma-
nipulation of not only the literate
but the purchasable vote. The Echo
has always advocated an educational
qualification for the right of suffrage,
in so far that a voter must be able
to make out his own ballot, unassisted
at the polls. Texas will never have
an absolutely pure ballot until this
plan is adopted.

Who Would Dare, Indeed?
Hamilton Herald:

Near things we know some one will
jump up and call for a primary or
referendum vote to decide how often
the janitor at the state capitol shall
sweep the floor, and what grade of
paper shall be used for printing the
legislative record. The people must
do, don't they know, and as this is
their government they ought to have
a voice in all these things. Who would
not oppose the rights of the people?

Interesting Institution.
Brownsville Journal:

The Texas Mexican Industrial In-
stitute is the center of a great deal
of interest in this section of the state
and the northwestern section of Mex-
ico. The majority of the students
of this institution will be young Mex-
icans, who will be instructed along
agricultural and mechanical lines, and
especially taught to act in the cap-
acity of foremen on ranches and farms.

The board of directors of the ins-
titution recently decided to expend about
\$5,000 for the immediate cultivation
of a 100-acre tract of land, and for
the erection of the necessary farm
buildings.

The institute owns 700 acres near
Kingville. This will eventually all
be under cultivation, and it is the
opinion of the director that when
he is done the institution will be
self-supporting.

Success of Boys' Corn Clubs.
Brownsville Journal:

According to the statistics in the
state, the average corn yield in
Texas farmers this year was ten bushels
per acre. The average for the
members of the Texas Corn Club boys
who cultivated corn acres, was fifty
bushels and a fraction over. This has
been a hard road for corn growers in
Texas, but harder for the farmers
than for the boys. It seems to the
Journal that this is a mighty good time
for every farmer in Grayson county
to pattern after their sons of the
boys' Corn Clubs.

Soil Robbery Deplored.
Kaufman Post:

We have millions and millions of
acres of trash land, but there is no
economic reason why we should rob
the soil. This sort of agricultural
cadmium sooner or later reacts. The
mills of the gods grind slowly, but
when nature is stoned against her
when nature extends to the third and
fourth generation, and our wornout
arm lands will become a sort of ag-
ricultural ward to the state. Willful
waste always makes woeful want.

The State's Misfortunes.
Denison Herald:

The burning of the state peniten-
tiary at Huntsville in another one of
those unfortunate circumstances or
incidents that always come, apparently,
at the most inopportune time. The
state treasury is practically depleted
as the result of the shortsightedness
of the former administration, which
has caused Governor Coquillett to adopt
heroic measures to keep the public credit
at par, and with all that to con-
tend with, the \$50,000 fire at College
Station, the destruction of the cane
crop by the late freeze, followed by
the disaster, which is nothing short of
a public calamity, at Huntsville, con-

stitutes a train of misfortunes that no
one man should have to stand for.
However, the state is to be congratulated
on having as chief executive a man
who is equal to any emergency,
and from the ashes of bad luck and
misfortune will rise a greater and
greater administration than any that
has preceded his in years past.

Bailey Vindicated.
Port Worth Record:

The uncertainty of the efforts of
the present congress to revise the
tariff, and the demand of European
governments, under the favored na-
tional clause, to share in the concession
to Canada of free wood pulp,
vindicates the efforts of Senator
Bailey to have the tariff bills of the
last session tacked on to the reciprocity
bill. Canada did not reject the
measure because the United States
gave her more than she asked for, and
is today enjoying the right to send
as her wood pulp duty-free, notwithstanding
reciprocity failed. It con-
gress had taken Senator Bailey's ad-
vice and added the wood, cotton and
farmers' free list bills to the reciprocity
bill, these measures would be in
force today, just as the wood pulp
amendment is.

It is useless to grieve over what
might have been, but it is sometimes
profitable to reflect on past mistakes
and, in this case at least, learn that
wisdom is not always the exclusive
possession of the majority.

Get Ready for Sunday.

If Sunday drowses, make it a day of
interest as well as rest by getting a
copy of the New York Sunday World,
the magazine section of which Sun-
day best will present a score of fasci-
nating features, such as "Mind-read-
ing tests that any one can try"; "I have
conquered gravity" by Major E.
S. Farley, F. A., retired; "Women
sheep," New York City drawn
in London; "Frigid," by Mrs.
O. H. P. Belmont; a junior page full
of little ones, fantastic drawings by
an untrained boy artist, etc., etc. To
make dull days away, order next Sun-
day's world in advance.

The Fourth Star Favored.
El Paso Evening Herald:

I have the faith that stars mean
things," he declared.

"I wish," his wife responded, "you
had the bath that would move the as-
hamed out of the movement."

ROOSEVELT DAM
DEVELOPS DESERTD. W. HEARD OF PHOENIX, TALKS
OF PROPOSITION.Says Tens of Thousands of Acres
Have Been Settled—More
Time is Needed.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Dwight B.
Heard of Phoenix, Arizona, in an ad-
dress upon the subject of "The Roos-
evelt Dam," delivered before the nine-
teenth National Irrigation Congress
here today, declared that settlers in
the Salt River Valley needed more
time than the ten years granted by
the national legislation and in
which to pay the government their
land assessments.

"Since the reservoir water was ap-
proved," said Mr. Heard, "tens of thou-
sands of acres of desert land have been
settled, thousands of miles of roads
have been made and hundreds of
new homes dot the valley."

With this development of the
water-making movement other com-
munity developments, such as schools,
post offices, stores, churches and gen-
eral improvements, became necessary.

"Now all these demands upon
the all new Indians exceed the
present financial resources of the
nation, so that the irrigation project
cannot be completed without an addi-
tional sum of money."

Mr. Heard said that the irriga-
tion project will be completed in
time to irrigate 100,000 acres in
1913, an increase of more than
100 per cent. When we began to
build the dam, the population of
the city of Phoenix was eight thousand.
Today the population is nearly twenty
thousand.

The growth of the city was due
to the fact that the water supply
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